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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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Dear Supervisors:

**AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT A MEDICARE IMPROVEMENT FOR PATIENT AND PROVIDER
ACT (MIPPA) GRANT AWARD AND APPROVAL TO EXECUTE A MIPPA CONTRACT WITH THE
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF AGING (CDA)
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This Board Letter requests authorization to accept a MIPPA grant award and approval to execute a "2 MIPPA" contract and future amendments with the CDA. The grant award will be used to assist in expanding Medicare beneficiary enrollment in the Prescription Drug Benefit Low Income Subsidy (LIS) Program and Medicare Savings Program (MSP), and expand outreach and enrollment efforts for Medicare Part D and outreach activities aimed at preventing disease and promoting wellness.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Delegate authority to the Director of Community and Senior Services (CSS), or designee, from the Los Angeles County Area Agency on Aging (AAA), Planning and Service Area (PSA) 19, to accept approximately \$228,000 in "2 MIPPA" grant funds from the CDA for services to be provided within two fiscal years, 2010-11 and 2011-12.
2. Delegate authority to the Director of CSS, or designee, to execute Contract Agreement Number 2M-1011-19, and any contract amendments with the CDA as required for acceptance of the current and future "2 MIPPA" funding.
3. Delegate authority to the Director of CSS, or designee, to accept any future "2 MIPPA" funding through contracts or contract amendments from the CDA through the end of the contract term of June 30, 2012, provided that the Director of CSS, or designee, notifies your Board and the Chief

Executive Office (CEO) in writing within ten workdays of acceptance.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The recommended actions will enable CSS to assist in expanding Medicare beneficiary enrollment in the LIS Program, MSP, rural outreach and enrollment efforts for Medicare Part D and outreach activities aimed at preventing disease and promoting wellness. The LIS Program provides financial assistance for prescription drugs to Medicare beneficiaries who have limited income and resources. Those who are eligible for this low-income subsidy can receive help with their monthly premium payments, yearly deductible, prescription coinsurance, and copayments. The MSP provides elderly and disabled people on Medicare access to prescription drug coverage from private prescription drug plans.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions are consistent with principles of the Countywide Strategic Plan goals of Children, Family and Adult Well-Being, Community and Municipal Services, and Health and Mental Health. State benchmarks for the implementation of the "2 MIPPA" program require that CSS assist beneficiaries in completing and submitting approximately 1,164 LIS and MSP applications by the end of the contract term, June 30, 2012.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The funding for the "2 MIPPA" is an estimated \$228,000 over FY 2010-11 and FY 2011-12. Of that amount, approximately \$210,000 is allocated to the current Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) contractor, Center for Health Care Rights (CHCR), as follows:

FY 2010-11	\$105,000
FY 2011-12	\$105,000

About \$18,000 is allocated for administrative costs. There is no impact on the County general fund as these funds are fully financed with federal funds. This funding has been included in the Department's FY 2010-11 final adopted budget and the FY 2011-12 proposed budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The CDA recently channeled 2 MIPPA funding under authority of the MIPPA Act of 2008, Section 119, Public Law 110-275 to AAAs for services to be provided by the current contracted HICAP provider to assist in expanding Medicare beneficiary enrollment in the LIS Program, MSP, rural outreach and enrollment efforts for Medicare Part D and outreach activities aimed at preventing disease and promoting wellness. As part of the 2 MIPPA contract, CSS will be required to meet the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) established performance measures. The 2 MIPPA contract with the CDA is expected to be executed upon Board approval for the acceptance of funds. Program funding is contingent upon execution of the 2 MIPPA contract with the CDA.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

On September 7, 2010, your Board approved a four-year HICAP contract with the CHCR, and

approved delegated authority for the Director of Community and Senior Services (CSS), or designee, to execute contract amendments with CHCR, as needed, throughout the HICAP contract term of June 30, 2014.

Services for the 2 MIPPA program will be provided by the current HICAP contractor, the CHCR, in the estimated amount of \$105,000 for FY 2010-11 and \$105,000 for FY 2011-12. The HICAP provides health insurance counseling and advocacy services to Medicare Beneficiaries, their representative or persons aged 60 and older who are close to obtaining Medicare eligibility in Los Angeles County, excluding the City of Los Angeles. The program uses staff, volunteers and a network of local programs to offer personalized counseling, community education and outreach events that directly help Medicare Beneficiaries, their representative, or persons aged 60 and older who are close to obtaining Medicare eligibility, to understand how to use their Medicare benefits including Prescription Drug Plan coverage, Medicare Advantage plans, Medicare supplemental policies, Medicare Savings Programs, and long-term care insurance.

On July 11, 2000, your Board approved guidelines for the acceptance of State and Federal grants of \$100,000 or more. These guidelines require that County departments prepare a Grant Management Statement prior to commencing the activities related to the grant. Accordingly, a Grant Management Statement for this grant is enclosed.

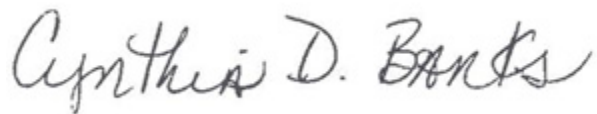
IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the recommended actions will enable CSS to continue to expand service delivery to seniors in Los Angeles County. In addition, these efforts will generate additional collaboration between the County, service provider, and other entities that serve the target population.

CONCLUSION

Upon Board approval, please provide a copy of the adopted Board Letter to Sonja Ivey-Rojas, Contract Management Division at Community and Senior Services Department, Room 403, 3175 West Sixth Street, Los Angeles, CA 90020 or via E-mail at: siveyrojas@css.lacounty.gov.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Cynthia D. Banks". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

CYNTHIA D. BANKS
Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

Los Angeles County Chief Executive Office

Grant Management Statement for Grants \$100,000 or More

Department: Community and Senior Services

Grant Project Title and Description

2nd Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (2 MIPPA)

In December 2010, California Department of Aging allocated 2 MIPPA funding, in the amount of approx \$228,000, under authority of the MIPPA Act of 2008, Section 119, Public Law 110-275 to Los Angeles County Community and Senior Services Department for services to be provided by the current contracted HICAP provider. These funds will assist in expanding Medicare beneficiary enrollment in the Prescription Drug Benefit Low Income Subsidy Program, Medicare Savings Program, rural outreach and enrollment efforts for Medicare Part D and outreach activities aimed at preventing disease and promoting wellness.

Funding Agency

California Department of Aging

Program (Fed. Grant #/State Bill or Code #)

MIPPA -Contract # 2M-1011-19

Grant Acceptance Deadline

Total Amount of Grant Funding: \$228,000

County Match: \$ 0

Grant Period: 18 Months

Begin Date: 01/01/2011

End Date: 06/30/2012

Number of Personnel Hired Under This Grant: 0

Full Time: 0

Part Time: 0

Obligations Imposed on the County When the Grant Expires

Will all personnel hired for this program be informed this is a grant-funded program?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Will all personnel hired for this program be placed on temporary ("N") items?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Is the County obligated to continue this program after the grant expires?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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If the County is not obligated to continue this program after the grant expires, the Department will:

a.) Absorb the program cost without reducing other services	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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b.) Identify other revenue sources (describe below)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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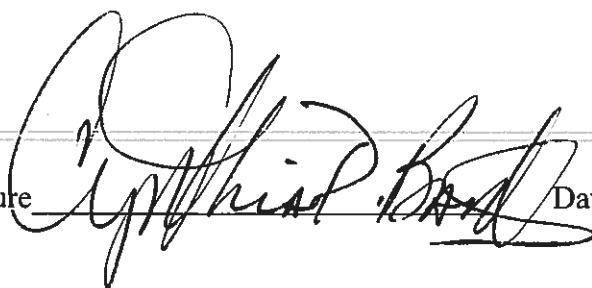
c.) Eliminate or reduce, as appropriate, positions/program costs funded by the grant.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Impact of additional personnel on existing space:

There is no impact on existing space.

Other requirements not mentioned above: There is no impact to the General Fund.

Department Head Signature



Date:

2/14/11